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09/443,072	11/18/1999	BRIAN A. ROSENFELD MD	483-001	6723

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING CONTINUOUS, EXPERT NETWORK CRITICAL CARE SERVICES FROM A REMOTE LOCATION(S)

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/443,072

Applicant(s)

ROSENFELD MD ET AL.

Examiner

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Jennifer I. Harle

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 03/03/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 15, 17-19 and 21-29.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
(a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
(b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
(c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 15, 17-19, and 21-29 are pending. Claims 15, 17-19, and 21-29 are allowed.

Drawings

The corrected or substitute drawings were received on March 8, 2002. These drawings are acceptable substantively. However, all drawing must comply with the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review sent concomitantly.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with applicant's attorney, Jon Roberts on May 13, 2003.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location comprising:

a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's;
a single remote intensivist managed healthcare command center for managing healthcare at said plurality of ICU's; and
at least one network;
wherein said plurality of ICU's include means for transmitting voice and data to said remote command center by the at least one network,

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and wherein said remote command center further comprises at least one intensivist workstation connected to a computerized patient care management system adapted for proactive monitoring and intervention for individual patients at any of said plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's 24 hours per day, seven days a week, triggered by evidence-based data-driven feedback.

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Claim 28. (Currently Amended) A method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care comprising:

monitoring patients in a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's;

communicating voice and data from patient monitoring to a single remote intensivist managed healthcare command center over a first network;

receiving and analyzing the information from the patient monitoring at the remote command center over the first network; and

proactively intervening from the remote command center at the plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's monitored 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with patient care, wherein the proactive intervention from the remote command center via at least one intensivist workstation is triggered by evidence-based data-driven feedback from decision support algorithms.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention comprises independent claims 15 and 25. These claims include the following features that distinguish applicant's invention over the prior art: single remote intensivist managed healthcare command center for managing healthcare at the plurality of

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ICU's where the management, monitoring and intervention which occurs by an intensivist, 24 hours a day, seven days a week is specifically adapted to provide the data at each command center/remote location through links which provide ICU clinical data, video data and audio data. The video and clinical data is provided via monitoring equipment. The audio links allow interactive communication between intensivists at the command center and the patients and staff at the ICU bed location. Signals from the monitoring equipment are submitted to a knowledge based patient care management system which comprises ICU standardized guidelines triggered by evidence based data driven feedback to the intensivist for the care of the critically ill and that prompts the intensivist to engage in early intervention to minimize adverse events. One facet of this invention is linked to the use of the proactive intervention as noted in the features that distinguish applicants' invention over the prior art of record. This structure is set forth for example on pages 8-10.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 5,619,991 Delivery of Medical Services Using Electronic Data Communication teaches diagnosis and/or treatment of patient disease using electronic data communications between not only the physician and his/her patient but between the physician and one or more entities which can contribute to the patient's diagnosis and/or treatment. Thus, it is not taught that there is one central location for monitoring and intervention of a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's, nor is the monitoring 24 hours a day, seven days a week specifically targeted to intensivist type information and feedback.

US 5,822,544 Patient Care and Communication System teaches a central processing system and a plurality of remote stations (includes control stations, patient stations and staff stations – all of which are located within the hospital). Thus, it is not taught that there is one central location for monitoring and intervention of a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

US 6,385,589 teaches monitoring members of a population for information indicative of a medical event, automatic identification of a risk situation based on the member characteristics and generation of a notification to address the risk situation associated with a predetermined script. The monitoring is preferably periodic and notification is sent to a coordination specialist, who forwards the information to the appropriate entity to intervene. Thus, it is not required that the monitoring be conducted 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Nor is it taught or even suggested that the monitoring is performed on a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's.

WO 99/13766, Critical Care Management System Incorporating Remote Imaging and Telemetry teaches a critical care bed for allowing the acquisition, analysis, display and conveyance of patient-related data from a variety of transducers which can send information to a variety of places including medical universities, physician's offices and homes, skilled nursing facilities, patient family members homes. However, it is not taught that there is one central location for monitoring and intervention of a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Rather, this system is designed for random checking on patients and for consultations.

Silvia Miksch, Artificial Intelligence for Decision Support: Needs Possibilities, and Limitations in ICU, 10th Postgraduate Course in Critical Care Medicine APICE '95, Springer,

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1995, teaches how AI could be used for decision support in modern ICUs. Miksch suggests building a knowledge-based monitoring and therapy planning system for ICUs utilizing a knowledge-based approach. However, remote monitoring is not discussed nor suggested.

Ho Sung Lee, et al., Remote Patient Monitoring Service through World-Wide Web, Proceedings -19th International Conference- IEEE/EMBS, October 30-November 2, 1997, pp. 928-931, teaches real-time remote patient monitoring through the World-Wide Web, which allows physicians to monitor their patients (including patients in ICUs) in remote sites, using web browsers. However, it is not taught that there is one central location for monitoring and intervention of a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Rather this system is designed for random checking on patients.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer I. Harle whose telephone number is (703) 306-2906. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

Jennifer Ione Harle

June 26, 2003

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